

REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated March 12, 2004. Claims 1-13 and 15-21 are pending. Claim 11 has been amended and claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 21 has been newly added to claim disclosed embodiments more completely. Claims 1, 11, and 21 are independent claims. No new matter has been added as the amendments have support in the specification as originally filed.

It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant graciously acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 13 and 14. To expedite the prosecution of the present application, independent claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 14, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims in the application are in allowable condition.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 11, 15, 17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rice (US 2,507,815) in view of Han (US 3,946,733). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rice and Han, and further in view of Kim et al. (WO 200269880 A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rice and Han, and further in view of JP 05124973 A. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rice and Han, and further in view of Shiu (US 4,203,438). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rice and Han, and further in view of Lee (US 6,013,021). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, independent claim 11 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter previously recited in its dependent claim 14, which has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, it is respectfully asserted that independent claim 11 and its dependent claims 12 and 15-20 are allowable over the cited combination of references.

New Claim

With this paper, new claim 21 has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the new claim has support in the application as originally filed and does not raise any new issue. Accordingly, entry of new claim 21 to the application is respectfully requested. It is respectfully asserted that claim 21, which recites the features of independent claim 11 and allowable features recited in claims 12 and 13, is allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-13 and 15-21 of the present application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as originally filed, are requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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